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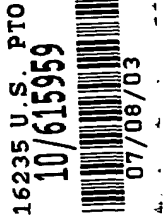
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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) by Express Mail is the complete patent application of David R. Eyre, entitled CARTILAGE RESORPTION ASSAYS.

- X 1. This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/009,999, filed July 1, 2002, which is the U.S. national phase of International Application No. PCT/US99/29357, filed December 10, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/385,740, filed August 30, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,348,320), which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/142,274, filed July 2, 1999, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/141,574, filed June 29, 1999, and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/335,098, filed June 17, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,255,056), which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/089,823, filed June 19, 1998.
- X 2. An application consisting of 20 pages of specification, including the claims and abstract, is attached.
- X 3. A paper copy of the sequence listing from prior Application No. 10/009,999, filed July 1, 2002, is submitted herewith. Please transfer the computer-readable copy of the Sequence Listing from prior Application No. 10/009,999 to the present application file. The paper copy of the Sequence Listing submitted herewith and the computer-readable copy of the Sequence Listing in Application No. 10/009,999, filed July 1, 2002, are the same and entry herein does not constitute new matter.



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- X 4. A copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the above-noted prior application is attached. [Note: This application is a continuation, no new matter has been added to this application, and no new inventors have been named.]

 X The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of this application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

- X 5. The prior application was assigned to Washington Research Foundation, by an Assignment recorded at Reel 012572/Frame 0578.

- X 6. Small entity status is asserted for this matter.

- X 7. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

COMPUTATION OF FEE

	Number Filed		Number Extra		Rate	
Basic Fee						375
Total Claims	7 - 20	=	0	x	9	= 0
Independent Claims	7 - 3	=	4	x	42	= 168
	TOTAL					\$543

- X 8. Our Check No. 149217 in the amount of \$543.00 to cover the total fee as computed above is enclosed.

- X 9. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

- X 10. The following additional documents are enclosed: An Information Disclosure Statement.

- X 11. A filing date in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 is requested. The Express Mail Certificate appears below.

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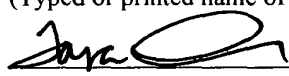
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